

THINGS TEMPORAL, SOME THINGS ETERNAL.

ANOTHER SAD SERMON.

Calvin Asher, of Carleton met with a fatal accident on Jan. 17th. His team, hitched to the harrow, started to run; the harrow thrown against a gate post, was probably thrown against Mr. Asher. The sack holding the heart was torn open, the lungs and stomach were also penetrated by the harrow teeth. After twelve hours of great suffering, death came to his release. A wife and seven children mourn his loss. Mr. Asher was born in Adams Co., Ill., 1852, and married to Miss Mollie Miller of Mo., in 1876. Two of his children are members of the Carleton church and we were hoping the father, would with the mother join them. Only a few days before his death, I met him well, and in good spirits, and the message, "Come home, Mr. Asher is dying" was startling. His funeral was one of the saddest I ever attended. At the grave his wife delivered his message to those assembled: "Tell my friends and neighbors not to do as I have done, put off seeking God until the last." The faithful wife and fatherless children have our sympathy and prayers. "God is faithful" though his providences are mysterious.

THE SILVER CREEK CHURCH.

I visited Falls City, and spent about two weeks with Bro. John Burnsworth's congregation, had fourteen confessions, thirteen were received into the church, others said they would come later. The church is about four miles north of Falls City, Neb. The membership are alive and wide awake, desirous of extending their borders, doing good and thus glorifying God. They are putting their shoulders to the wheels and pushing. Bro. John has the confidence of his congregation and hence the lives have fallen to him in pleasant places. A number of brethren live in Falls City, and their should, and no doubt will be, an organization here in due time. I was present and assisted in anointing Sister Hoener, and Bro. and Sister Meyers, who reside in this place. The latter are the parents of our brother Christ Forneys' wife. I also preached the funeral sermon of Bro. Martz's grandchild at the Silver Creek church, the same day I received word of Mr. Asher's death. Sister Wicks daughter of Simon Nedron recently members of the Carleton church, reside in Falls City. I renewed my acquaintance with her and the other members of the family. My home was with Bro. John Burnsworth's family and Bro. Shaffer's family who know how to care for the preacher. The Silver Creek congregation have a bright future before them, material to draw from, willing workers, and an active preacher. The work must develop, and the King's Children about to be organized, will find a fruitful field. All hail to the Silver Creek congregation.

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES.

There is a great field opening up

in Nebraska and Kansas, Sabetha, Morrill, Hamlin, Falls City, are points that now might be organized for work. There are other points developing, and the time will come when there may be strong churches. It only needs organization and co-operation with remarkable perseverance. I believe in the future of the church, notwithstanding a deserter now and then, and here and there an unappreciative sentinel, the work is growing. I believe the Brethren church on her trine baptism, aside from other considerations, has a right to existence, to development, and to success, preaching Bible truth, and putting into practice Bible doctrine, with an eye to man's good and the honor of Christ, will bring the words; "well done good and faithful servant."

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.

Carleton, Neb., Feb. 2nd, 1884.

A THREE YEARS PASTORACY NEAR A CLOSE-TENDER CHORDS TO BE SEVERED.

NEW ENTERPRISE, PA.; FEB. 12, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Once again I contribute to your columns. For ten days past I have been confined to the house with La Grippe, but at this writing am able to be out. Yesterday was not able to fill my appointment, they being a distance of twelve miles from home. I have served this charge now three years, until April 1st. And received an almost unanimous call to serve them a fourth year, which I declined to accept, but accepted a call from East and Old Conenraugh congregations combined, where I will begin pastoral work April 1st. As the dear Lord has blessed my labors here with these dear Brethren and Sisters for these years I hope and pray that our labors will also be blessed in my new field of labor. When the time comes for me to say farewell to these dear Brethren, who have so nobly stood by me and have been always ready to lay hold on the good work, to aid the Pastor in advancing the good cause, will be severing the ties of Christian love. But while we may be separated bodily I feel sure that spiritually we shall still be in union. Our Bible exposition with young folks last year was a success, and should I have remained here another year, greater efforts would have been made to have increased the interest in that direction. I am glad to say that our choir at this place is becoming so well skilled in music that they received invitations from other denominations, to come and sing for them at their regular services. Yesterday they sang in a Reform Church in one of our neighboring towns. They invited me to go with them, but La Grippe said better not. The choir seemed to enjoy these trips very much and I do not blame them for the glowing accounts they being to us of their reception would make them pleasant as well as influential for the Brethren Church. I have frequently received invitations from other denominations to come and occasionally

preach for them, some of which I accepted, when I could, all this gives us prestige.

J. F. KOONTZ.

ALONE.

CHARLOTTE, MICH.

BROTHER EDITOR AND READERS OF THE EVANGELIST: I love to read the EVANGELIST and think it so much nicer in book form. We do not take the paper, but Father Pifer receives it, and we read it. We have no Brethren meeting in Charlotte. Our closest meetings are in Woodland. There are five members here. I always love to attend the Brethren church. I still try to be faithful in the Lord, although I get discouraged sometimes. But by the strong arm of our Heavenly Father I am still one of his servants. I know nothing by myself but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

My prayer is that in the near future we can subscribe for the paper. I ask your prayers that I may hold out faithful.

From a sister in Christ.

CASSIE PIFER.

BIG REVIVAL—GREAT REJOICING. PRAISE GOD.

BURLINGTON, IND., Feb. 13, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Our meeting that began on the 24th of January, at the Salem church, closed last night, the 12th. Had meeting each night and eight week day meetings. I think the brethren and sisters were in better condition for work than they had been for quite a while, and they took hold of the work from the beginning. Bro. Summers was feeling pretty well, and preached with his old time vigor, and the Lord blessed abundantly the efforts. Four that had strayed away for a season came back amidst great rejoicing. Two came by relation, eighteen were baptized and twelve applicants yet for baptism.

Yesterday was one of the heaviest snow storms of the season, but there were fifty-one members at the table last night. May the Lord bless the Brethren at Salem, and elsewhere.

DR. GORDON.

FOUR BY RELATION—TWO FUNERALS—ONE CONFESSION.

819 WEST CUMBERLAND ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 12th, 1894.

Four received by relation since last report. One of whom has fallen asleep since received. I preached two funerals, one on Saturday night at his residence, and one Sunday about thirty miles in the country where he was buried. He had a dear wife and many friends to mourn his loss.

One more confessed Christ last night. Others are very near, hope they may speedily come. Pray for us earnestly.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

USE HOME TALENT.

ZANESVILLE, IND., Feb. 15, '94.

A PLEA FOR HOME TALENT.

DEAR EDITOR OF EVANGELIST:—I notice from Bro. R. K. Binkley's article "a revivalist wanted," that he states the Mission Board advises that some one outside of home talent be procured to hold a series of meetings in Huntington, Ind. I wish to ask, why so? and to offer the following reasons in favor of the experiment of our people holding meetings or preaching the Gospel in Huntington, be begun by Bro. Palmer, now living in the city.

1st. Gospel alone doctrine there, as in most cities, is an experiment.

2nd. Our Mission Board has no great amount to spend experimenting.

3rd. No living man knows the result of a meeting of the Brethren there, it matters not by whom it be held. Therefore, we should use economy by using home talent. Certainly the Board would be pleased with as good results as were attained last year at Roanoke and as Bro. Palmer's time is not all taken up and can hold this meeting much cheaper than any other brother, and as he needs the money spent by the Board in this experiment we say, by all means let Bro. J. H. Palmer hold the meeting.

WM. M. HAMILTON.

TO THE BRETHREN CHURCHES OF OHIO.

A personal letter has been addressed to your pastor or to an officer of your church asking and urging that offerings be made for the mission work of the state. So far two churches only have sent offerings, since the state conference in June. Brethren these things ought not so to be. We should do something in this line of work. I fear that we are cultivating a trait of character that will prove an everlasting hindrance to the cause of the Gospel.

J. M. BOWMAN, Cor. Sec.

BRO. WINEY RE-ENGAGED.

CAMPBELL, MICH., Feb. 12, '94.

Since our last report we have received one more to travel the good way with us; she was baptized Jan. 28. We held our quarterly council the 26th of Dec. As it was the last quarter of the year we had quite a good deal of business. We re-engaged Bro. J. G. Winey for another year. All work done in the spirit of the Master.

Mrs. V. R. WORDEN.

THIRTEEN CONFESSIONS.

CARLETON, NEB., Feb. 10th '94.

Since my last we have had four services, resulting in thirteen confessions. Eight have been received by baptism, one by relation, the others await baptism on my return from Kansas.

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.